

Function 920: Allowances

This function displays the budgetary effect of proposals that cannot easily be distributed across other budget functions. In the past, this function has included funding for emergencies or proposals contingent on certain events. The President's budget for this function includes the \$18 billion supplemental appropriation anticipated for 2006, funding for adjustments to the legislative and judicial branches' requests, and the effects of debt collection initiatives.

Anticipated Supplemental — The budget contains a place holder for the anticipated (\$18 billion) supplemental appropriations bill for hurricane relief.

Adjustments to the Legislative and Judicial Branches' Requests — The budget includes cuts of \$388 million for 2007 and \$1.9 billion over the five-year period (2007-2011) from adjustments to the legislative and judicial branch accounts for excessive funding requests. Each year, these branches make a request to OMB to cover their funding needs. OMB, in turn, adjusts the overall funding level to better reflect the historical funding levels for these branches of government. However, these reductions are reflected in this function rather than in the budget functions that contain the judicial and legislative branches to maintain comity among the three branches of government.

Debt Collection Initiatives — The budget again proposes debt collection initiatives that were not enacted in the 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act and the Jumpstart Our Business Strength Act. The budget proposes to increase and enhance the Financial Management Service (FMS) opportunities to collect delinquent debt by eliminating the 10-year limitation on collecting debt owed to federal agencies and allowing collection of tax refunds for delinquent state unemployment insurance overpayments. These initiatives save \$11 million in 2007 and \$65 million over the ten-year period (2007-2011).